

Happenings in Missouri.

Rediscovery of the Ozarks.

The Arcadian Valley Land congress at Ironton closed with addresses of Gov. Hadley and Archbishop Gleason. Later the visitors were driven about the valleys merging into Arcadia and were shown some of the beauty spots of the Ozarks. The archbishop preceded Gov. Hadley in addressing the meeting and called the Arcadia valley the garden spot of Missouri. The governor enlarged on the opportunity presented by the Ozarks and by the Arcadia valley for dairying, saying that this possibility has been too much overlooked. He explained that the two cows he owns, which together cost him \$110, pay him 6 per cent interest in an investment of \$2,000. The soil and grass of this region, he said, are ideal for dairying. This is but one of the many opportunities Missouri offers. He concluded with the statement that what Missouri needs most is more intensive farming and less intensive politics. A Missouri song composed by Mrs. R. W. Gay and Miss Alice Gay, was sung by Mrs. J. H. Curran and a sextet from Arcadia academy. H. M. Blossom, representing the Business Men's league of St. Louis, congratulated the land congress on its work and said the Ozarks had "just been rediscovered." Mr. Blossom believed there were great agricultural opportunities in southern Missouri.

Gets Share of Public Buildings.

Missouri will receive her full share of public buildings in the bill soon to be reported to the house by Representative Harshbarger of St. Louis, and St. Louis will receive \$100,000, the government's estimate of the cost of repairs of the old customs house. The needs of the cities in Missouri have been considered carefully, and it is believed not a single member of the delegation will have room for complaint. Booneville will be given a \$60,000 building. Fulton will get \$60,000 for a building, and about \$100,000 for a site. Other buildings will be: De Soto, building \$60,000, site \$10,000; Rolla, building \$60,000; Chillicothe, building \$75,000; Poplar Bluff, building \$65,000; Marshall, building \$70,000; Aurora, building \$60,000; Excelsior Springs, building \$65,000.

General Church Council Ends.

The general council of the Churches of Christ in Christian Union, composed of about 100 delegates from ten or twelve states held their quadrennial meeting at Excelsior Springs. Rev. A. C. Thomas of Excelsior Springs, vice moderator; Rev. D. L. Vandament of Bainbridge, Ind., corresponding secretary, and Rev. W. H. Baker of McClure, O., recording secretary. Among the prominent ministers of that organization present were: Rev. J. H. McKibbin, editor of the Church of Christ Advocate at Washington Court House, O.; Rev. G. H. Schleh of Omaha, Neb.; Rev. C. S. Fair of Mifflin, Pa.; Rev. P. F. Meek of Woodward, O. All the churches in the city were used by ministers of the general council.

A Divorce in Twenty Minutes.

The shortest divorce suit in that judicial circuit was tried in Judge Nat Shelton's court at Kirksville, when Willis C. Ellis, proprietor of a small department store, was granted a divorce within twenty minutes after the suit was filed. His charge against his wife was indignities. The defendant did not appear in court.

Farm Course at Summer School.

For the first time, courses in agriculture will be given at the summer session of the University of Missouri. J. D. Ellis, director of the summer session, issued a statement estimating the summer attendance at 700, or an increase of 22 per cent over last summer.

Captured After Nine Years.

Nine years after his escape from a prison in Missouri H. B. Bates was brought back on the steamship Germania from Liverpool in charge of two St. Louis police officers. Bates, whose home was in St. Louis, was serving a sentence of 12 years for robbery when he broke jail. The Missouri authorities heard of his arrest in England for robbery and officers were sent on to bring him back at the expiration of his sentence there.

For a Bridge at Arrow Rock.

Senator Warner introduced a bill to authorize the St. Louis & Kansas City Electric Railway company to build a bridge across the Missouri river at or near Arrow Rock. It must be located so not as to interfere with navigation.

Celebrates 87th Birthday.

F. W. Tappmeyer celebrated his 87th birthday anniversary at Drake. He is father of eighteen children, ranging in age from 60 to 25 years, the largest, best known and most prominent family in Gasconade county.

2,000 Miners to Resume.

Two thousand coal miners in St. Clair county will resume work after having been out for nearly two months. Agreements were signed by the representatives of the United Miners and independent operators, giving the miners the increase demanded.

Boilermakers Get Raise.

The boilermakers employed in the several railway shops of the Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain system have been granted a wage increase of from 1 to 3 cents per hour.

Back to the Farm.

"Back to the farm," is the slogan of the first women's land congress ever held in the country, which convened at Arcadia with Mrs. John A. Curran in the chair. The congress was held under the auspices of the Woman's Missouri Home Development company, an organization which was formed last January for the purpose of co-operating with the governor and other officials for the development of state resources, and inducing people to settle on the unoccupied land in the state, for there are more than 12,000,000 acres which have never been tilled. Arcadia is one of the most picturesque spots in the state, and a tent city was erected for the accommodation of the delegates. The unique feature of this convention or congress is the agricultural exhibit shown in the fields. Instead of putting fruits and vegetables in glass jars and bottles and standing them in rows on tables, or tying the grain in wisps and stacking it in the corner of some exhibition hall, the delegates were taken over the country to see the products. They drove over ideal country roads, saw the picturesque herds of Angora goats, the Missouri mule in his native habitat, the sleek cows driven home at milking time by the little Arcadian maiden and the ranches, which are pastoral idyls worthy the brush of a great artist. Of equal interest with the agricultural exhibits shown at Arcadia was the exhibit of the loom industries. The women ransacked the district for rag rugs and women "kivers" made by the early women settlers.

Woman's Home Missions Elect.

The Missouri Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church held a two days' session at Sedalia. The society has a total membership of 130,000 with \$1,500,000 worth of property in the United States. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. M. L. Carl, St. Louis; vice presidents, Mrs. C. M. Dutton, Webb City; Mrs. W. F. Jones, Sedalia; Mrs. J. W. Bush, Kansas City; conference secretary, Mrs. C. B. Spencer, Kansas City; recording secretary, Mrs. E. A. Steele, St. Louis; treasurer, Mrs. C. O. Davis, Kansas City.

No Home Rule Amendment.

No "home rule" amendment will be submitted to the people at the November election. A decision to this effect was reached at a conference at the Hotel Jefferson of members of the Civic League of St. Louis, the St. Louis Board of Freeholders and the City Club of Kansas City. The reason given for reversing the contemplated action of submission of a home rule police, excise and election reform amendment is that the submission of the prohibition question will overthrow everything else and will endanger the adoption of all amendments.

A College Steer's Big Gain.

A grade Hereford steer, owned by the college of agriculture of the University of Missouri, has gained an average of 6 1/2 pounds a day the last 60 days. A gain of 2 1/2 pounds a day for that length of time is considered a good record. The steer is two years old. Two months ago it weighed 550 pounds; today it weighs 1,270 pounds. The steer will be slaughtered and the carcass analyzed.

Wine Colonial Dames Scholarship.

The scholarship in American citizenship offered by the Missouri Society of Colonial Dames of America in the University of Missouri has been awarded to Selwyn D. Collins of Harrisonville. This scholarship gives Mr. Collins \$200 a year for four years.

Mail Robbers Sentenced.

George Kolling, who turned state's evidence and testified against William Lowe, at St. Louis, was sentenced in the federal court to serve 10 years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$3,000 for robbing the mail and holding up a Missouri Pacific train near Glencoe. Lowe was sentenced to serve 42 years.

"Jimmy" Hutchinson Is 95.

Uncle "Jimmy" Hutchinson celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday anniversary at his home in Chillicothe, surrounded by a large number of his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends. Mr. Hutchinson, who was born in Sassa county, Kentucky, came to that county with his wife in a covered wagon in 1848.

Girl Strikers Made Good.

The girls who struck in a Sedalia overall factory three months ago because of a reduction of wages, and established a co-operative factory on their own responsibility, have met with such success that they have been compelled to double their present capacity.

To Contest a Dry Victory.

The local option election in Webb City February 1 is being put to the test. The petition of the "wets" contains twelve counts and charges technical flaws in calling the election and illegal votes. G. E. Ashcroft, John S. Nell, William F. Fehrmann and W. Ramsour filed the petition. The mayor and the city council are the defendants. The result of the election was 1,262 votes against the sale of intoxicating liquor and 1,195 votes for the sale of intoxicating liquor. The "drys" had a majority of 67.

For the Hostess

Chat on Interesting Topics of Many Kinds, by a Recognized Authority

An Old-Fashioned Tea Party.

This party was given by the dearest of—I don't like to say old ladies; guess I had better say the hostess was over seventy years young. She lived in a house we all loved for its traditions, for its stately old mahogany, for its beautiful willow ware, and, best of all, for the charming gentlewoman who presided over its domain with an air and grace that are simply indescribable. She had entertained the mothers of the young girls whom she was entertaining on this day with the same old china, the same deliciously brewed tea and the same brown, crusty sponge cake of a velvety texture. She always made it a practice to entertain the girls once a year. "Just to keep in touch," she said. She read this poem of the legend of the "willow" ware in response to any inquiry regarding her plates. I give it entire, knowing full well how many readers will welcome it and to how many it will bring back happy childhood memories, for many of us had grandmothers who used "willow" plates and some told the stories woven thereon:

On grandma's table is waiting for me
A plate with ginger bread piled:
Bread and milk, and berries and cream,
And the mug marked, "For a good child."
And I eat my supper and wonder where
That wonderful land may be,
Where the sky is white and the earth is blue,
Tint on my plate I see.

"Grandma, you know 'most everything—
Tell me the story of it all;
Did the long-tailed birds know how to sing,
Did a princess live in that castle small?
The princess half in a fairy tale
Is generally gold, but this is blue.
How does the best go without any salt?
Tell me the story, grandma, do."

So she told the legend, centuries old,
Of the mandarin, rich in land and gold;
Of Li-Chi fair, and Chang the good,
Who loved each other as lovers should.
How they lived in the garden's hut a while,

Then flew away to the beautiful Isle;
Though the cruel father pursued them there,
And would have killed the happy pair,
But kindly power, by pity stirred,
Changed each into a beautiful bird.

Grandma puts her spectacles on,
And shows me on the plate
The mandarin's house, the island home,
The boat, the bridge, the gate;
"Here is the orange tree where they talked—
Here they are running away—
And over all at the top to see,
The birds are making love again."

And the little figure seems to live—
Strange fancies fill my head,
The grandma tells me, much too soon,
It's time to go to bed.
But I dream of a land all blue and white,
I see the lovers take their flight;
Over the arching bridges they go—
One of the loveliest birds below,
From the little house with the turned-up eaves
Come tiny birds and ladies and pages;
And the bed-post turns to a willow tree,
And at last I seem myself to be
An azure birdie wandering there,
That beautiful queer little land of blue.
—Ludovick.

A Novel Euchre Party.

This pretty card party was conducted like a cotillion and was a great success. It was given for 40 guests and the tables were scattered throughout the large rooms of a spacious country house. In the first place each guest found her place at table with three others by means of a souvenir name card.

When all had arrived and were seated at the table the hostess was very particular to personally introduce each partner, if unacquainted, which made every one feel more comfortable. Then the bell rang and playing began, four games were to be played and the losers were the ones to move going to a table for favors, these they gave to the winners at the other tables, who were taken to the table of the loser and thus they met an entirely new set of players. There

was no counting of scores—simply the best three hands winning out of four. There were ten sets of favors. After five sets of favors had been used refreshments were served, then playing was resumed until all the favors had been used. At the last each loser brought an extra favor for her favored partner and her self, which called forth much merriment as they were large paper sacks blown out and tied at the top with various colored ribbons. They were to carry the favors home in and they were needed. It certainly was a very jolly party and the idea is adaptable to all card parties where the hostess desires something out of the ordinary. The favors may be as elaborate as the purse will permit, the ones at the party described consisted of bon-bons in fancy boxes, imported chocolate, salted nuts in dainty receptacles, paper aprons, neck ruffs of flowers, fans, parasols, paper hats, post cards, etc.

Follow the Leader.

Try this for a jolly outdoor amusement. It was used at a party given in the country but it may be adapted to everyday play. At this party the hostess told the children to shut their eyes tight until they heard a bell ring, then they were to open their eyes and follow closely the paper trail. A basket had been filled with finely clipped paper, this was strewn in circles, squares and most intricate mazes; sometimes it would apparently be entirely lost. At these points there would be a banana, an orange, a stick of candy or something as a bait, then a scrap of paper would reveal the trail, which finally lead into a delightful little grove where a picnic supper was served. It is a bit like the good old game of "Hare and Hounds." All children love a mysterious play of this kind and it is not much trouble to prepare for.

A Paper Party.

Try this for fun: Deliver the invitations neatly wrapped in fringed tissue paper tied in a bag of tissue paper. State fully that guests are to come arrayed in paper costumes. The women, of course, will manage easily and the men can do so with some help from their feminine friends. Negligee shirts of plaited paper, cuffs and belt of paper; the latter of what is known as leatherette. A prize to be awarded for the best costume will add zest to the occasion. There are so many articles of paper that there may be favors for each one. When it comes to setting the table paper even to napkin rings may be used. Tissue paper flowers, lanterns, fans and parasols all will add to the decorative scheme. A hat making contest would be interesting.

MADAME MERRIL



Very distinctive are the conventional designs on some of the new lisle thread stockings.

An exquisite chantilly scarf for evening wear has some of the design outlined with gold thread.

Chameleon is the fitting name given to the two-toned taffetas which are so popular this spring.

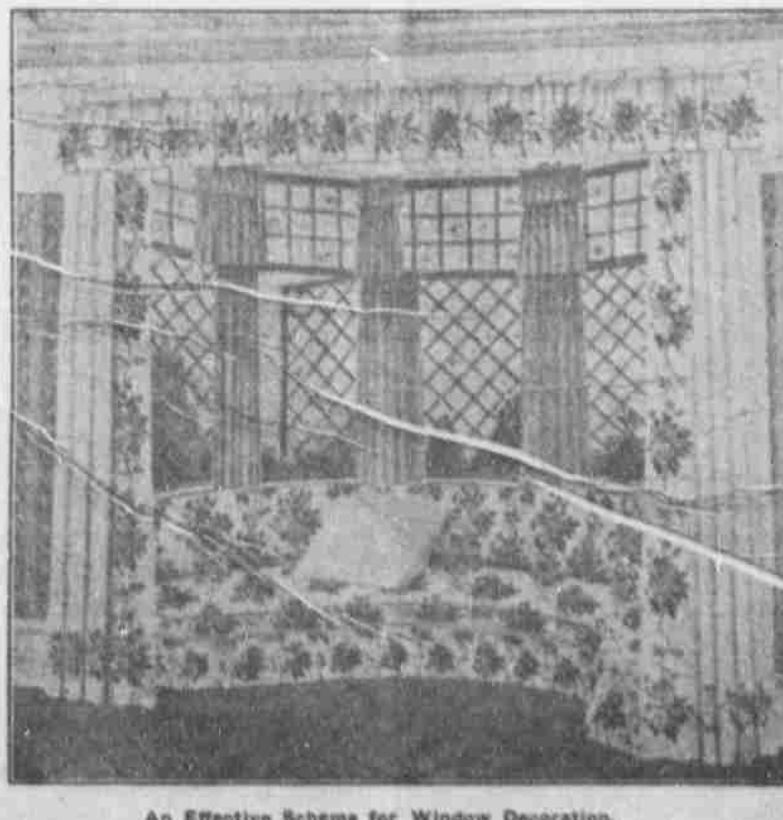
Side closings of waists and coats are a pronounced feature, not only of gowns but of suits.

Smart little coats of plain colors are worn with checked, striped or changeable voile or silk.

Bar pins for the neck are to be worn a great deal. Larger ones are seen as the season advances.

Lingerie ribbons this season are wider than usual, so that when tied the bow is of considerable size.

Attractive Window



An Effective Scheme for Window Decoration.

MISSOURI STATE CAPITAL ITEMS

NOTES THAT ARE OF INTEREST TO MISSOURIANS.

Brief Mention of Matters as They Occur at Jefferson City, Official and Otherwise.

Jefferson City.—The pearl button industry of Missouri, during 1909, experienced its most prosperous year since the first factory began operating here, the value of the output exceeding that for 1907, the previous record year, by 14 per cent, and that for 1908 by 136 per cent, according to advance information from the 1910 Red Book of the bureau of labor statistics, made public by Commissioner J. C. A. Miller.

Five pearl button factories, four of which are in Lewis county, and the other in Pike county, report an output amounting to 149,815,728 buttons and blanks, valued at \$167,794, for the twelve months in question. Thousands of rough and ugly mussel shells were consumed in turning out this vast array of smooth, shining, round pearl buttons of sizes, varying from a diameter of a quarter of an inch to those which measure an inch and a half across and which are used chiefly for ornamental purposes, to lend a finishing touch to female wearing apparel. The blanks are the plain round discs which are cut from the rough shells, and need finishing touches in the way of the last polish and the four holes for the thread, before they become buttons and have the lustre and name of pearl.

One Missouri factory shipped its output as far east as Germany and England, which fact speaks highly for the Missouri pearl button as further east there are many such factories. In addition, nearly every state in the Union used the Missouri output in 1909 and during the early part of this year.

The "Back-to-the-farm" scheme, as conceived by Missouri's immigration commissioner, John H. Curran, and as put into tangible form by him and Gov. Hadley two weeks ago by the organization of the National Farm Homes association, received a substantial impetus when John M. Glenn of New York, a delegate to the Conference of Charities and Correction, and director of the Russell Sage Foundation, called upon Mr. Curran and assured him of his sympathy and support. Mr. Glenn has been a member of the National conference for years and is considered a power in its work. Mr. Glenn heard of Mr. Curran's scheme at the opening of the conference, when Gov. Hadley spoke of the back-to-the-farm movement. Mr. Glenn immediately set out to learn particulars about the project. Mr. Curran outlined to Mr. Glenn his plan for organizing a corporation to purchase unsettled tracts of good farming land for the opening of farm colonies, each of which will have the benefit of supervision by a trained farmer. The farms are to be made available to beginners with little capital to start, who will pay a certain amount each year out of the profits of the farm. In an endeavor to get capital to start the project, Mr. Curran has visited philanthropists in the east and has obtained many assurances of aid. The Russell Sage Foundation is not in a position to give money to the project, but Mr. Glenn can influence many to this end.

Three of the big trunk lines of Missouri had a hearing before the state board of equalization relative to the taxes of 1910. They were the Burlington, the Missouri Pacific and the Wabash.

In an opinion filed in the supreme court in June in which all the judges concur, Judge Woodson holds that the state board of dental examiners has the authority to revoke licenses of dentists for practicing fraud, deceit and misrepresentation on their patients and for gross violation of their professional duties. The case came from Kansas City, where the state board of dental examiners had revoked the license of J. Homer Williams to practice dentistry in this state.

The Missouri board of railroad and warehouse commissioners are meeting here and with the assistance of Attorney General Major, they are working on a new schedule of freight rates in this state which will be promulgated about June 1. The new schedule will be a reduction in most of the classifications from the present rates. The railroads have been given notice that they propose to put into effect tariffs increasing freight rates and this the board will seek to prevent.

Missouri's unique industry, the converting of corn cobs into a valuable commodity known the world over as "Missouri meerschaum pipes" broke all previous records for quantity, quality and value of production, during the year recently closed, according to advance information made public by Commissioner J. C. A. Miller of the state bureau of labor statistics. Missouri's production of corn cob pipes, the modern pipes of peace amounted in 1909 to 21,732,240 pipes as compared with 14,481,834 pipes for the year 1908.

THE REAL WRENCH.



Smith—It's mighty hard to get a wife.
Hardup—It's no trouble to get one, but it's hard to keep her.

BABY'S SCALP CRUSTED

"Our little daughter, when three months old, began to break out on the head and we had the best doctors to treat her, but they did not do her any good. They said she had eczema. Her scalp was a solid scale all over. The burning and itching was so severe that she could not rest, day or night. We had about given up all hope when we read of the Cuticura Remedies. We at once got a cake of Cuticura Soap, a box of Cuticura Ointment and one bottle of Cuticura Resolvent, and followed directions carefully. After the first dose of the Cuticura Resolvent, we used the Cuticura Soap freely and applied the Cuticura Ointment. Then she began to improve rapidly and in two weeks the scale came off her head and new hair began to grow. In a very short time she was well. She is now sixteen years of age and a picture of health. We used the Cuticura Remedies about five weeks, regularly, and then we could not tell she had been affected by the disease. We used no other treatments after we found out what the Cuticura Remedies would do for her. J. Fish and Ella M. Fish, Mt. Vernon, Ky., Oct. 12, 1909."

Limit to Woman's Suffrage.

Women have obtained the right to vote in Krain, a province of Austria. They will be allowed to cast their ballots in person and not by proxy. There is, however, one limitation imposed on them. A special time of the day has been allotted to them for the exercise of this right.

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